

Dist. Great Swan Port
12th Jan^y 1831—

Sir

We the undersigned request you will
be pleased to convene a Meeting of this
District, at your earliest convenience,
for the purpose of presenting an Address
to His Excellency the Governor, expressing
your Thanks for his great exertions
during the late operations against
the Aborigines. We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servts

J^r MacLain

George F. Story

Francis Cotton

John DeCunyo Hoste

Wm. Williams

Wm. Seacole

Adam Amos

John Amos

Thos. Watson

Joseph Allen

Edmund Allen

Esq.
Lieut. Aubin
63 Regt.
Police Magistrate
Waterloo Point

In compliance with the above
requisition, I hereby appoint Wednesday
the 19th Instant at 12 o'clock at the
Police Office Waterloo Point—

Francis Aubin

Police Magistrate

Waterloo Point
18th Jan^y 1831.

William Lyne
John Lyne
Silas Gathhouse
Wm John Burdon
Capt. Watson
Major Lord
~~Mr~~ John Allen

Waterloo Court
14th Jan^y 1834

The Meeting having been convened at
this place proceeded to elect a chairman
in consequence of the 11 when Francis Stirling
Esq. ^{was unanimously} called to the office
^{notwithstanding the loss of property so frequently occurring.}
Mr. A. proceeded then to call the attention of
the knights on subjects &c of presents.
^{request}
^{who signed}
Vc.

The 1st motion proposed by Mr. ~~Stirling~~ ^{Stirling} second
by Mr. Hawkins that thanks should be
to H. C. L. Governor for the very great personal
exertions he had made during the late operation
against the Aborigine
The 2nd ~~motion~~ ^{proposed} by Mr. A. Jones & 2^d by Mr. Buxton

~~The 3rd proposed by Mr. Adam Stinson~~ ^{they proposed}
~~3rd that at this time the success of the measures had~~ ^{as 2^d by Mr. Buxton}
~~adopted had been attended with~~ ^{the success of the measures had}
~~success yet the inhabitation in this district~~ ^{with}
~~had been so molested since the operation~~ ^{had been so molested since the operation}
~~which they are of opinion they attributable to the result~~ ^{which they are of opinion they attributable to the result}
~~of these which was an unusual length of time~~
~~quility at this season of the year and attributable~~
~~to the terror excited by the Expedition~~ ^{that this}
~~that his Excellency be solicited to still further direct~~ ^{cannot}
~~such measures to be adopted after the capturing~~
~~of the natives altho' the recent measures had not~~
~~succeeded as far as was anticipated with a promise~~ ^{might have been}
~~of meeting every support from in carrying into~~ ^{receiving our support}
~~effect such measures as Govt. may deem expedient~~
we on ^{our} part signify ourselves to use our most strenuous endeavours
whenever they be to the
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Resolutions entered into at a Public Meeting
of the Landholders of District of Great Swan
Port ^{expressed} held at Waterloo Point - 19th January 1831 -
agreeable to a letter signed by the Principal Inhabitants, requesting
James Aubin Esq^r Chairman.

1st That Thanks should be ~~given~~ returned
to His Excellency the Lt Governor for ~~his~~ his
very great personal exertions - ~~fatigue~~ ^{the}
~~protection~~ during the late operations against the Aborigines

~~Resolved~~ 1st
That ~~the meeting~~ having viewed with the greatest
anxiety the late operations of ~~undertaking~~ with
the view not only of protecting themselves their
families and servants from the atrocities
of the Aborigines - but also of ameliorating the
condition of these benighted people do
desire cordially to express their utmost thanks
to His Excellency the Lt Governor for his individual
personal exertions in ~~forwarding~~ ^{superintending} the ~~means~~

We cannot but feel grateful to your
Excellency for the zeal you have
succinctly in protecting our lives & property
from the attacks of the S^d Nature - while on
the other hand we equally desire the ~~means~~
with prompts you to attempt the ~~means~~
of these benighted people of instruction
for both ~~the objects~~ ^{the objects} we place ourselves
individually to give you our every
assistance -

We the Landholders ^{to them} of this District having viewed with
the greatest anxiety the late measures adopted by your
Excellency for the purpose of freeing ourselves our ^{Families}
~~our children & servants~~ from the imminent danger that constantly
attends us from the outrages ^{& murders}, so frequently committed against the
white population by the Aborigines ^{at present} ~~inhabits~~ of this country, with
whom we in this district are more particularly surrounded, do ~~take~~
^{gladly embrace this} opportunity of expressing our ^{most} earnest thanks to His
E. for his own individual personal exertions, in superintending
those operations, for the very great exertions which he underwent &
~~for his watchful care & concern in~~ We beg earnestly to solicit H.E. ~~to still~~ ^{to continue} his
exertions, not only in protecting our lives & property from these
people whose error lies not only in want of knowledge rather
than this ^{unhappy} ~~wickedness~~ of their ^{own} ~~human~~ ^{and generous} ~~nature~~ ^{but also in} Endeavours to bring these poor people from
their state of ^{pitiable} ~~barbarism~~ to ~~a useful~~ ^{enjoy some of}
the blessings of civilized life. if such cannot be wholly conferred
upon ^{the} yet their children will not ~~lose~~ ^{deserve} all the
benefits desired & become an useless portion of civilized
society. Altho' We have to regret that the measures adopted
did not succeed so far as might have been anticipated
we have ^{yet} ~~still~~ to hope that it has not altogether been
lost in benefits to this District, ^{its inhabitants} never having been molested
by the Aborigines since the Operations ~~from~~ ^{commenced}
commenced, a good much longer than any who
had before occurred in the recollection of the Inhabitants
and we desire to assure His Excellency that while
we solicit a continuance of whatever measures the
Government may please to adopt to free ourselves
& Families from the continual ^{fear of} ~~alarm~~ ^{from our lives & property} ~~that~~ ^{evil}
hangs over us while these people are at large
wishes to forward as much as possibly can those exertions.

Resolutions entered into at a Public
meeting of the Landholders ^{to the} of the
District of Great Swan Port
convened at Waterloo Point
19th January 1831.

~~1st That the thanks of this
meeting be presented to His
Excellency the Lieut. Governor for
the ~~adoption of measures~~ ^{the late} in
his very great personal exertions
in carrying forward the into effect
the operations against the Aborigines~~

2nd. That His Excellency
^{particularly} be earnestly solicited to still
further direct measures to be adopted
for the capturing ^{or otherwise subduing} the Aborigines, altho
the Recent measures had not suc-
ceeded as far as might have been

1st - That this meeting having ^{watched} viewed with the greatest
anxiety the late operations ~~against~~ undertaken
with the ~~view~~ ^{object} of not only of protecting themselves
their families & servants from the atrocities
of the Aborigines but also of ameliorating
the condition of these benighted people, do desire
cordially to express their ^{earnest} thanks to
His Excellency the Lt Governor for his individual
personal exertions in superintending these
measures

Anticipated, ~~of~~ ^{with} assurance of
receiving our ~~most~~ ^{utmost} support
in carrying into effect such
measures as Government may
deem expedient to adopt.

3 That the cause of our
not having communicated
these our unanimous sentiments
ere this to His Excellency should
be remarked in the address as
not arising from any remissness
on our part but solely owing
to the very great distance ^{by} which
we are separated from one another
and that the substance of this
~~address~~ proceeding should be
embodied in the address to be
presented.

4th That the Address be presented
in person by Mr. Adams Amos &
Captain Leard

5th That the Thanks of the
Meeting be presented to Francis
Stubbs Esq^r. for his able and
~~impartial~~ ^{judicious} conduct in the Chair
and for the trouble that he had
taken and his readiness to comply
with our wishes in convening
this meeting.

6th That the following Address be approved of
and transmitted to His Excellency

unto His Excellency, Colonel
George Arthur, Lieutenant Governor of
the Island of Van Diemen's Land & its
Dependencies

The Address of the Landed Pro-
prietors & others of the District of Great
Swan Port

We the Landholders & others of
this District having viewed with the greatest
Anxiety the late measures adopted ^{by your Excellency} for the
purpose of freeing ourselves, our Families
and Servants, from the imminent dangers
~~that constantly attend us, surrounding us, dangers~~
from the outrages & murders so frequently
committed against the White Population by
the Aboriginal Inhabitants, dangers to
which we in this District are more

particularly subjected, do gladly embrace this
opportunity of expressing our most earnest
thanks to ~~the~~ ^{your} Excellency for your own individual
personal exertions, & for your Watchful care &
concern in superintending those operations.

We beg earnestly to solicit ~~your~~ ^{your} Excellency
still to continue ^{human & generous exertions} your Endeavours, not only
to ~~protecting~~ ^{to} our Lives & Properties from these ^{Savage & Inhuman} People
whose error but also ^{to adopt such measures as may} ~~to continue~~ your Exertions
and generous Endeavours to bring ^{them} these very people
from their state of Pillable Barbarism to enjoy
some of the benefits of Civilized Life, ~~if such~~
~~Blessings can not be wholly conferred upon them~~
~~and in selves, it is to be hoped that they~~
~~will not be lost upon them~~
~~children will derive all those benefits desired~~
~~but that they will~~
~~and become useful members of Society~~

Altho' we have to regret that the late
measures did not succeed to the extent
that might have been anticipated. We
have yet ^{to inform your Excellency} a hope that it has not altogether

been lost in benefit to this District
its inhabitants never having been molested
by the Aborigines since the operations
for capturing ^{them} commenced, a period ^{of peace} much
longer ^{than this} which had before occurred in the
recollection of the Oldest Settlers, & we desire
to assure your Excellency that while we solicit
a continuation of whatever measures
the Government may please to adopt to free
ourselves & families from ^{the continued state of anxiety} ~~the continual fear~~
~~continually~~ attending us - ~~that constantly hangs over us~~
~~calamities we undergo~~, for the preservation of
our Life & Property while the Aborigines
are ^{allowed to wander} at large, we on our part pledge
ourselves to use our most strenuous
endeavours to forward ^{to the utmost ability} such ~~as much as~~
possibly can.

We have further to assure your Excellency
that altho' we came not ^{earliest} forward with
this address, which was due from
this District as much, if not more so

than from any other part of the Country
from the well known Horrible ^{of satyres} Tible, ~~that~~
infests it, our delay has not arisen from
want from a want of duly appreciating the
very great ~~benefits~~ these Exertions were ~~conten~~ intended
to confer on us. but owing to the local nature
of the Country which separates us so far
from each other & prevents our sentiments
from being ^{speedily} communicated.

Y^r Obedt^{servant}

The address of the Landholders and others of the
District of Oyatobay

To His Excellency

Lieutenant Governor Arthur

We beg leave respectfully to approach
Your Excellency to return you our sincere
thanks for ^{the} very great personal exertions
during the late operations against the Aborigines
whose atrocities endangered our lives and
properties at every moment in the most
uncommon danger.

Altho the best manifi-
(owing to unforeseen events)
est by Your Excellency has not ^{been} crowned
with that success which you had every reason
to anticipate, we are nevertheless happy to
state that we have experienced some
benefit resulting from the recent expedition,
as we have not, since its commencement,
suffered a single outrage in this District,
and we trust that Your Excellency may be
pleased to adopt ^{further} necessary measures either
for the capture of the Black Nations if possible
or otherwise for subduing them to a state
consistent with the security of our lives
and properties.

Respectfully as we do that

And it is entirely our own interest which your Excellency has at heart in endeavouring to restore tranquility to the Colony by force, when every means for conciliation afforded by ^{your policy} ~~by overtures~~ ^{suggests itself individually} has proved unavailing to support your Excellency's Measures we ~~individually pledge ourselves~~ and beg to assure you our best exertions will be at your Command whenever your Excellency may be pleased to call upon us.

We have further the honor
to subscribe that owing to the very great distance
at which we reside from one another a delay has
occurred in expressing their unanimous
sentiments
Believe them that Your Excellency will not
attribute it to any remissness on our part